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Manners are an art. Some are perfect, some commendable, some faulty; but there are none that are of no moment. How comes it that we have no precepts by which to teach them, or, at least, no rule whereby to judge them, as we judge sculpture and music?—Joubert.

## GOETHALS

Col. George W. Goethals, chairman and chief engineer of the Isthmian canal commission, is willing to accept the civil governorship of the Canal Zone after the canal is completed. What is more, he is willing to accept the job at a salary \$5,000 less than his present income as an army engineer.

Col. Goethals has always been known as a good deal of a man, and he proves it anew by his willingness to sacrifice financial considerations for the sake of carrying out his idea of public service. In declaring himself ready to give up \$5,000 a year Col. Goethals has in reality tossed off a good deal more money than that. Recently a number of cities along the Mississippi river started a movement to secure him to carry out a great engineering scheme of levees that would prevent the disastrous flood which the "Father of Waters" occasionally visits along the valley. Goethals could quit his present position and get fifty or a hundred thousand dollars a year from cities associated in this immense plan, but apparently he intends to see the new canal through its first troublesome days of infancy.

In this respect Goethals offers a marked contrast to Theodore P. Shonts and John F. Stevens, both of whom, after tackling the canal job, succumbed to the allurements of private offers and quit the canal at critical periods.

Col. Goethals is a different stamp of individual. He proves that there are men in public life who place service to their country above every consideration of cash. And for this example the country owes a vote of thanks to Goethals.

## UNCLE SAM GOING INTO THE OIL BUSINESS

Of particular interest to Hawaii is the executive order of President Taft exempting from entry the great area of 29,541 acres of oil land in Kern county, California. To date 67,000 acres have been withdrawn, and the resulting oil product will be used for the vessels of the United States navy. This act has been hailed as one of the most businesslike acts of Taft's administration and a particularly far-seeing thing to do in view of the controversy over the navy's use of oil.

The age of coal is certainly passing, and the navy will some day be using millions of barrels of fuel oil. Under such circumstances, the United States would be carrying out a disastrous business policy if it had to go into the market and buy oil from private owners, paying not only what it cost the producer but also the producer's profit and the original cost of the land to the producer. Two of these three price-elements—the cost of the land and the producer's profit—will be eliminated when Uncle Sam produces his own oil and supplies it to the navy at cost.

According to announcement from Washington, oil tanks will be erected as follows:

Pearl Harbor, Hawaii—One gasoline tank, 90,000 gallons; one fuel oil tank, 1,500,000 gallons.

Guantanamo, Cuba—Five fuel oil tanks, each 1,500,000 gallons.

Melville, R. I.—One fuel oil tank, 700,000 gallons.

Norfolk, Va.—One fuel oil tank, 700,000 gallons.

Charleston, S. C.—One fuel oil tank, 700,000 gallons.

Key West, Fla.—One fuel oil tank, 700,000 gallons.

## TRAINING THE MAYORS

Advance along the lines of municipal government is rapid. The short-ballot system, the direct primary, the initiative, referendum and recall, the plan of running a city by a regularly employed "manager", have all been adopted by municipalities with varying degrees of success. Now comes a still more advanced suggestion to the effect that mayors of cities should be trained for their work.

Dr. Howard G. Woodhead of the University of Chicago faculty proposed this plan in an address before the City Club of Chicago. Dr. Woodhead is a noted sociologist, and his novel proposal has been given wide publicity.

"I believe the time is not far distant when our municipal officers will be trained for their work," says Dr. Woodhead. "We surely ought to demand such training, instead of expecting the mayor to depend upon others. In Germany the oberburgermeister invariably knows more about housing and similar subjects of his own city than anybody else. In America we require no technical knowledge. Mayor Gaynor said upon taking office that he knew nothing of the work of the mayor's office. Let us hope the time is coming when our mayors will know something about the many things they are supposed to direct."

Dr. Woodhead's advice is sound providing it is practical. No information is at hand to show how he proposes to educate the mayors for their work, the difficulty being that under any present elective system it is impossible to know more than a few days before inauguration who is going to be the next mayor. Perhaps there will ultimately be a university for mayors only graduates of which are eligible to run for office. Or perhaps Dr. Woodhead would have the mayoralty election a year or so before the term of office actually begins, so that in the intervening time the successful candidate may take a course in municipal training.

As a matter of fact, one of the most obvious flaws in the American system of municipal government is that usually the city officers are trained for their work on the people's time. Men are elected not on the basis of what they have done in progressive municipal work, but what they have done in the law, or in business, or, too often, in politics. Most of their first term in office is spent in learning the fundamentals of city government. Honolulu is not the only American municipality which has witnessed the unfortunate spectacle of city officials who not only had no conception of the spirit of governing a city, but knew ridiculously little of the commonest methods of conducting public business.

## SHERIFF HENRY AND THE WHIPPING-POST

High Sheriff Henry, who has declared himself unalterably opposed to the establishment of the whipping-post in Hawaii for no matter what crime, has a suggestion for another form of punishment which he thinks would be far more effective than flogging. The high sheriff says that solitary confinement is a terror to evil prisoners, and that it does not have the bestializing effect which he believes would follow the use of the lash.

The sheriff says that his experience is that flogging not only does the man under the lash little good, but the officials delegated with the duty of carrying out the sentence are nauseated or brutalized. His experience will be valuable to the Citizens' Protective Committee, which will shortly consider whether or not to recommend the whipping-post in bills that will be presented to the legislature.

## MAUD POWELL

Maud Powell is more than a mistress of the violin; she is one of the foremost of Americans. Ability, a spirit of unconquerable industry, vitalized in this woman of high character, have carried her along the road of achievement to the point where Americans may well take a national pride in her success. She has won from jealous critics of Europe a lively respect for American musicianship. Madame Powell's appearance tonight is more than a musical affair, it is an event in Honolulu's onward march along lines that mean quite as much to the ultimate greatness of the city as material progress in steel or sugar or politics or business.

The steel tariff is the first one to be tackled by the new Democratic Congress. The steel trust has just announced a beneficent plan of profit-sharing among its employees. Of course there is no relation whatever between these two facts.

If the Democrats have trouble in fitting W. J. Bryan into a convenient pigeon-hole, they might amend the Organic Act and send him to Hawaii as governor.

Gen. Sherman would probably have referred to the war of the last few days as Hellenic!

The report that President-elect Wilson is losing his gripe need not cause alarm.

Dynamite diplomacy seems to have taken the place of dollar diplomacy in Panama.

## LITTLE INTERVIEWS

W. D. ADAMS—The Kona male nightingales at the Empire are making a decided hit with the public. If you don't believe it, just take a look at this house.

D. H. GILMORE—The bottom has apparently dropped out of the coast passenger business when liners like the Ventura sail for San Francisco with less than a score of travelers from Honolulu.

JAMES ROBERTSON—Hasten the time when all the local Oceanic staff can don a new and immaculate uniform in greeting the arrival of the trans-Pacific liners. Nothing the matter with that cap.

DEPUTY CHIEF OF DETECTIVES KELLEY—That alleged speech that McHughie is declared to have made before a delegation of Japanese at Tokyo sounds rather like a fish story. American journalism has apparently crept in under the tent in Japan.

ALEX BELL—The wet weather has held up work on the new golf course, but when the land is cleared, and the new holes made, the Country Club will have as sporty an 18-hole course as can be found anywhere. Extending the course will make better golf for local players.

LIEUTENANT J. G. WINTER—A man never knows how much he likes Honolulu until he gets away from it. I had an interesting time at the School of Musketry at Monterey, but I'm mighty glad to be back again, and mighty sorry that the Fifth Cavalry is going to leave so soon.

J. WALTER DOYLE—At the weather behaves and the public gives the patronage the meeting deserves, the New Year's Day races will be a bang up success in every way. The bigger the hit at the coming meeting, the better races we can stage during the floral festival in February.

## PERSONALITIES

H. ENGLISH is an Australian tourist who is en route to the United States as a passenger in the Oceanic liner Ventura.

A. B. CULLY, a druggist from Detroit, is a through passenger in the Oceanic liner Ventura, returning from an extended tour of the southern continent.

DR. JAMES SCOTT, a prominent London surgeon, is returning from a tour of the colonies, as a through passenger in the Oceanic liner Ventura.

H. W. COOPER, a well known automobile salesman, is returning from a business tour of Australia as a passenger in the Oceanic liner Ventura.

DR. A. N. SINCLAIR returned Tuesday from Hilo, where he has been in conference concerning the unification of the tuberculosis record system of the territory.

MESSRS. R. ATKINSON AND J. BENNETT, with the United States naval station at Pago Pago, are returning to the mainland as passengers in the Oceanic liner Ventura.

THE MISSES MYRA AND J. GRIMLEY were numbered among the through passengers from Australia in the Ventura. They are proceeding to the United States where they will enter school.

A. LANGEN, a German sugar and copra planter, with extensive holdings in Samoa, is proceeding to Germany by the way of the United States. He was a passenger in the Ventura from the colonies this morning.

C. C. SPINK, publisher and well-known mainland baseball magnate, has completed a tour of Australia and New Zealand. He was a passenger in the Oceanic steamer Ventura that arrived from Sydney and Pago Pago this morning.

E. J. MEEKLER, a stenographer with the United States naval station at Pago Pago was an arrival in the liner Ventura this morning. We will remain in Honolulu for some weeks. Mrs. Meekler and four children accompany him to the islands.

While eating his lunch in a plumbing shop of Winnetka, Ill., a journeyman steamfitter learned that he had fallen heir to a \$50,000 fortune in lire land. His employer advanced him \$100 to go in search of it.

An additional tract of oil lands in Kern county, California, has been withdrawn by order of President Taft to assure sufficient oil for future use in the navy.

A kind of hard pebble has been discovered near Clifton, Colo., of the kind used in the milling process—hitherto imported from Denmark at a great cost. The discovery of these stones in Colorado will save mine operators thousands of dollars annually.

Mexican rebels are again appearing on the border, and threaten destruction of the Southern Pacific railway of Mexico.

## OUR OBJECT LESSON

The fighting in Macedonia is a sore subject with Germany. The Turkish army was trained and its officers educated under the German military system.—Literary Digest.

Oh, hark ye, Yankee soldiers! From far across the sea Comes the news that Turkey's fighting men were trained by Germanee!

That she faced the "Bull-Con" allies single handed and alone With a simple faith in Allah and our deified Von Rohne.

And they say that on the morning that the mighty battle broke, That the German-tutored army vanished in a whirl of smoke; That their swords were all unsullied and their guns were all forgot, As they sought the dim horizon in a hasty Turkey trot!

A Montenegrin major gave the flying foe a glance, Then rolled a cigarette and scratched a match upon his pants: And spake unto his gunners, "Let 'em have a few more jolts— That is if your shells can catch 'em— they've been trained by Von der Goltz!"

A colonel of Bulgarians then tossed aside his coat And yelled, "Come on, me hearties! Looks as if we had their goat! Just follow Uncle Fuller to yon battle's merry whirl! While we show 'em how to do it— they've been reading Griepenke!"

Away for Constantinople the hosts of Allah sped, And the only ones that halted were the ones that stopped the lead; Quote a Serbian lieutenant then, " 'Tis evident to me That yon army has been studying the books of Von Moltke!"

Said a panting Turkish corporal from German teaching freed—"We ain't much on formation, but we sure are h— for speed!"

So they sprinted night and morning 'til their lungs were fit to burst, But they won the six-day Marathon—they reached the city first!

A tale that points a moral. Most anyone can see That it's time to disregard the ways of Jackson, Grant and Lee; For the sacred Scripture tells us: "Ye know them by their works; So we lift out hats to Von der Goltz, the man who trained the Turks!"

And now while Europe trembles on the verge of deadly fray, The dove of peace is cooling in the good old U. S. A.

For, you bet, the foreign powers will leave Uncle Sam alone While our highbrows down at Leavenworth are studying Von Rohne!

And while the German eagle soars above the Balkan storm, It strikes us as a fitting time to change the uniform;

Let's get one of those shiny things they wear across the breast, And add a gleaming helmet with an eagle on the crest.

And down at sunny Leavenworth let Dutch professors rule; And build a model brewery—an annex to the school— A marble bust of Von der Goltz resplendent in the hall, And photographs of Kaiser Bill adorning ev'ry wall.

And he who seeks promotion must submit a sordid year On pretzels, cheese, and wienerwurst, and good old German beer; And notify the colonels—sound the warning near and far!— That they've got to sing "Die Wacht am Rhein" before they get the star.

Then here's luck to the Fatherland—let's follow in her train, And all take up the goose step when we march to war again; Our motto, "Made in Germany," triumphant over fear— Our slogan "Hoch der Kaiser!" and the countersign "Zwei Bier!"

## THE SUBMARINE BELL.

The course had been set before the fog came down, and in the pilot house the navigator stood often with bent head, listening. His attitude was like that of the figures in Millet's painting, a prayerful, reverent listening, and well he might listen, for on every reef and lightship of the coast he was approaching was sounding a tocsin of warning and a chime of welcome and ood cheer in one. In shrill tones, from each reef and lightship the angus of the high seas was ringing the submarine signal bell, which, in spite of storm, fog, darkness, gives ships warning of the reef and welcome to be channel.

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